Demands for share of remittance sent by NRIs

2480. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made that the Central Government should earmark a part of remittances made by Kerala born NRIs in Gulf and other countries for State's infrastructure development;

(b) if so, what is Central Government's response in this regard;

(c) whether such demands by NRIs from other States also have been made; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

NRI investments in **Karnataka**

2481. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of NON RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of NRI investments in Karnataka during the years 2002-03 and 2003-04;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up Economic Zones for NRIs in Karnataka to encourage NRI investments; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to encourage NRI Investments in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) NRI investment proposals approved for Karnataka by Foreign Investment Promotion Board and Reserve Bank of India during 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as follows:

Year	No. of Proposals	Amount (Rs. Crore)
2002-03	284	447.34
2003-04	290	2283.83

(b) No, Sir. However, general Special Economic Zones are being set up at Hassan and Mangalore where NRI investors are allowed to invest alongwith local and multi-national companies.

(c) Steps taken to encourage NRI and domestic investments in Karnataka are as following:

1. The State Government has introduced progressive sectoral policies such as New Industrial Policy, 2001—06, Export Promotion Policy, 2003, Information Technology Millennium Policy, 2000, Agro Food Processing Industrial Policy, 2003, Bio Technology Policy and Infrastructure Policy.
2. Enacted Industries (Facilitation) Act to facilitate ease of doing business and simplified procedural approvals in the State.
3. Single Window Clearance of projects being accorded through Karnataka Udyog Mitra, which is the designated investment promotion agency of the State.
4. World class infrastructural facilities are being created for industrial development through the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board.
5. Government of Karnataka (GoK) has also taken up State Level Labour Reforms to improve productivity and cordial labour management relations.
6. Other steps initiated by GoK include promotion of investments in specific sectors, where Karnataka has competitive advantage like automobile, auto components, engineering, pharmaceuticals, food processing, steel, cement, information technology, enabled services, Bio-technology, machine tools, textile and apparel, etc.

City-within-city for NRIs

2482. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:

Will the Minister of NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any project/proposal/concept of'city-within-city'